GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:70
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2007
BORDER FENCING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the total area along Indo-Pak border and Indo-Bangladesh border where fencing is proposed to be done;

(b) whether due to lack of maintenance the fencing along border is getting damaged;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether cross-border activities have increased due to damaged fencing along the borders; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to repair the damaged fencing?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 70 FOR 20.11.2007 REGARDING BORDER FENCING

(a): It has been decided to fence 2007.63 kms of Indo-Pak border and 3406.87 kms. of Indo-Bangladesh Border. The state-wise lengths sanctioned for fencing on Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh Borders are as under:-

Indo-Pak Border (IPB)

State	length (in kms)
Jammu & Kashmir	180.00
Punjab	461.00
Rajasthan	1056.63
Gujarat	310.00
Total	2007.63

Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB)

State	length (in kms)
West Bengal	1528

Assam	223.81
Meghalaya	399.06
Tripura	736+120#
Mizoram	400
Total	3406.87

Initially 3286.87 km was sanctioned by the Government. Subsequently, an additional 120 kms. has been sanctioned in Tripura.

(b) & (c): There have been some damages to the fence primarily due to adverse climatic conditions, water logging, floods, rusting, soil erosion and land slides etc.

(d) & (e): There are no reports of increase in cross border activities due to damaged fence, though the affected areas do become vulnerable to illegal cross border activities. Government has made adequate provisions for maintenance and repair of fence. While the minor day-to-day repair is being carried out by Border Security Force, major repairs are being done by the Central Public Works Department. The Government has also decided to replace and upgrade 854 kms of fence initially constructed along Indo-Bangladesh Border, with a modified design.